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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: BRAKE DRUM FOR WET-TYPE BAND BRAKE DRUM AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance does not precisely track recitation of the independent claims, particularly Claims 20, 21, and 22. Nevertheless, it is apparent from the arguments presented in the Amendment dated December 21, 2004, that all of the claims distinguish patentably from the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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